TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Saturday, the 9th Karkatakam, 1106/25th July, 1931.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock, with M. R. Ry., V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar Avergal, B. A., B. L., President in the Chair.

The following members were not present :—

Messrs, Tariatu Kunjitomman,
„ P. S. Mahomed,
„ K. Padmanabha Panikkar.

NEW MEMBER.

The following new Member was sworn in.
Mr. E. G. McAlpine M. A.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Promotion of undergraduate teachers to the provincial scale.

1. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the rule now followed in raising to provincial scale teachers in the undergraduate scale on passing the B. A. or M. A. examination ; and

(*b*) whether any preference is shown to trained graduates included in the above class ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is actually no rule at present, but it has been ordered by Government that the claims of graduate teachers in undergraduate vacancies should be taken into consideration in filling up graduate teachers' vacancies as far as possible, consistently with efficiency and their suitability for the places that are vacant.

(*b*) No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With regard to the answer to Part (*b*), may I know whether the trained graduates are better qualified for teaching purposes than untrained graduates ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In some cases, the trained graduates may be better for teaching. That depends upon the person who is trained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what are the cases in which an untrained graduate is better than a trained graduate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A first class graduate who is untrained may be very much better than a third class graduate who is trained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are these first class men exempted from undergoing any training?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is certainly an additional qualification. I was merely answering the question put to me by Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When there are two third class graduates of whom one is trained and the other untrained, may I know whether the trained third class graduate will be preferred to the untrained graduate for recruitment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We do not recruit trained graduates. Men are trained after recruitment. Probably both will be excluded from the provincial grade because they are third class men. If we get men with the first or second class qualifications we would certainly prefer them to third class men.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): But the question that I was asking was in reference to competition between third class men.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There will be no competition in such cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that third class men are not recruited to the provincial grade?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): You will see from the original answer given that the claims of graduates are considered in filling up vacancies in the grade as far as possible consistently with efficiency and their suitability for the places.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My question was with reference to part (*b*), and I asked when there are two persons with third class qualification one trained and the other untrained, whether the trained man will be preferred to the untrained?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If recruitment to the provincial grade is made from the graduates working in the under-graduate scale, then the chances are that the trained graduates will be preferred.

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